

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION (37 CFR §1.121(b))

Please insert the following paragraph at line 2 of page 1 of the specification.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at line 8 of page 1 of the specification.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at line 11 of page 2 of the specification.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following paragraph at line 5 of page 15 of the specification.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following paragraph at line 16 of page 15 of the specification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED VERSIONS OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following Abstract following the claims, such Abstract (taken from corresponding WO 2005/077280) also being provided on a separate sheet accompanying this Preliminary Amendment (as per 37 CFR §1.72(b)):

A system (1) for delivering a staple (9) to the locus of an artery (2) comprises a delivery conduit (5) for inserting into the lumen of an artery through which conduit a staple can be delivered to the locus, and an elongate element (6) such as a catheter for a balloon (7) for translating axial advancement of the delivery conduit through the artery into movement of the distal end of the delivery conduit away from the longitudinal axis of the artery and towards the artery wall.